(b) if so, the details thereof and what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) and (b) Government has decided in principle to revive all the units of Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Limited (IDPL). A Draft Rehabilitation Scheme for revival of IDPL has been submitted to Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE). The recommendations of BRPSE are awaited.

New fertilizer pricing policy

457. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of for non availability of urea in the on-going Rabi season Government have announced that the centre would bear the staggering cost involved in transportation and distribution of the main fertilizer in various States under a proposed New Pricing Policy;

(b) if so, whether the recommendation is a part of the NPS-III report, prepared under the chairmanship of an economist and approved by Government; and

(c) if so, by when the final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (c) The policy for urea units under New Pricing Scheme Stage-III, which was formulated on the basis of recommendations made by a committee set up under the chairmanship of Dr. Y.K. Alagh, has been approved by the Government on 1.2.2007 to be implemented *w.e.f.* 1.10.2006. Under NPS-III, the movement of urea will be monitored through out the country by an online web based monitoring system. The subsidy on urea will be paid only when the urea reaches the district. The freight reimbursement to urea units will now be on actual rail and road leads. The reimbursement of railway freight will be as per the actual expenditure whereas the road component will be escalated by a composite road transport index.